

Annual Meeting of the Council

Bedlinog & Trelewis Community Council



Date 13/05/2024
Time 6:15 PM - 7:45 PM
Location Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present: Cllr Searl, Beard, Matthews, Jago, Brown, Frayne, and Dawson

In Attendance: Ryan James (Clerk), County Cllr Michelle Symonds, Tyler Fergusson (Home Office)

Minutes

1 - To Elect a Chair for the Council Year 2024/25

RESOLVED that Cllr Searl be elected as Chair for the Council Year 2024/25.

2 - To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Preston and Thomas.

3 - To Receive Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest

There were none.

4 - To Receive Representations/Questions from the Public

There were none.

5 - To Receive an Update on the work of the Home Office

A presentation was received from Tyler Fergusson, who gave an update on the work of the Home Office and to raise awareness of who they are and what they do and do provide some more information around what Immigration Enforcement is.

ACTION: The Clerk will let Tyler Fergusson know the date of the next PACT meeting once this has been received.

6 - Meeting with the Police Representative

The new PCSO Limarah Cozens has called Cllr Preston to introduce herself. The Clerk has made contact about joining future meetings. We have agreed with the Police that the second Thursday of each month for Community Council meetings, falls in line with when they are on shift.

Agenda item 602, parking issues in Bedlinog on home match days – a further report was made to the Police on behalf of the Community Council by the Clerk, the same Police reference number was given as Cllr Preston and Searl's reports. A discussion to be had with Police as if all reports are given the same reference number, is it a true indication of the number of reports being made.

7 - To Elect a Vice-Chair for the Council Year 2024/25

RESOLVED that Cllr Beard be elected as the Vice-Chair for the Council Year 2024/25.

8 - To Appoint Committees and Working Parties for the Council Year 2024/25

HR Staffing Committee (3 members) - Currently Cllrs Beard (Chair), Matthews and Searl.
One Voice Wales Area Committee (2 members) - Currently Cllr Brown and Cllr Dawson as substitute member.
Community Councillor Governor Representation for Taf Bargoed Learning Partnership (1 member) - Currently Cllr Matthews.
MTCBC Standards Committee Representative (1 member) - Currently Cllr Beard.
Biodiversity Champion Member (1 member) - Currently Cllr Dawson.

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to Committees and Working Parties for the Council Year 2024/25:

HR Staffing Committee (3 members) - Cllrs Beard, Matthews and Searl.
One Voice Wales Area Committee (2 members) - Cllr Dawson and Cllr Dawson Brown.
Community Councillor Governor Representation for Taf Bargoed Learning Partnership (1 member) – Cllr Jago.
MTCBC Standards Committee Representative (1 member) - Cllr Beard.
Biodiversity Champion Member (1 member) - Cllr Dawson.
Events Committee (4 members) – Cllr Brown, Cllr Matthews, Cllr Searl and Cllr Beard. Note two non-Cllr members have volunteered to join the committee – Cathy Searl and Michelle Symonds.

9 - To Approve Schedule of Meetings for Council Year 2024/25

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Meetings for Council Year 2024/25 be approved.

ACTION: Clerk to upload to website.

10 - To Approve Schedule of Regular Payments for Council Year 2024/25

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Regular Payments for Council 2024/25 be approved.

11 - To Complete the Annual Approval of the Council's Risk Assessment Register

RESOLVED that the annual review of the Council's Risk Assessment Register be approved.

12 - To Approve the Standing Orders v4.0

RESOLVED that Standing Orders v4.0 be approved.

ACTION: Clerk to upload to website.

13 - To Approve the Financial Regulations v3.0

RESOLVED that the Financial Regulations v3.0 be approved.

ACTION: Clerk to upload to website.

14 - To Approve the Council's Asset Register v2.0

RESOLVED that the Council's Asset Register v2.0 be approved.

ACTION: Clerk to upload to website.

15 - To Approve the Events Committee Terms of Reference v1.0

RESOLVED that the Events Committee Terms of Reference v1.0 be approved.

ACTION: Clerk to upload to website.

16 - To Approve Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held 08 April 2024

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held 08 April 2024 be approved.

17 - To Consider Planning Application P/24/0093

RESOLVED that the application is considered when the applicant makes a full application, with a detailed planning statement explaining their aims and rationale. As an outline planning application, the plans and layouts are merely illustrative.

18 - To Receive any Matters Arising

Item 565 – a further update received from TfW on repairs to Club Row Bridge has been received, a meeting took place with Merthyr Council on Friday 26th April and discussions were had how best to deliver the work whilst minimising impact of the road closure. Agreed to aim for two Sunday night shifts ideally in June. Applications have been submitted to MTCBC and TfW hope to provide an update early this week once the green light has been received.

Item 590 – The Clerk has written to County Cllr Symonds, with concerns raised in the meeting about Police staffing, which County Cllr Symonds agreed to raise at a County Council meeting with the Police on behalf of the Community Council.

Item 591 – The MP and MS have been informed of the commendation from One Voice Wales, and a visit is planned to our allotment sites on the 24th of May. Allotment holders will be invited to be part of the visit and refreshments will be put on afterwards.

Item 594 – the Football Club have been advised to re-submit their grant application in the new season.

Item 595 – the Internal Auditor has commenced the FY2023/24 internal audit.

Item 599 – a separate meeting about Bedlinog Community Centre will be arranged as 15 minutes in a Council meeting will not be long enough. Any recommendations will then be brought back to Council for approval.

19 - To Receive any Community Councillor Cases

Cllr Dawson raised that there has been conflicting information provided about whether dog waste can be placed in non-specific dog waste bins, and if so, are more dog bins needed? Cllr Dawson has contacted MTCBC Officers himself to ask these questions, and it was requested that he forward the communications to County Cllr Symonds to make enquiries and clarify the position.

Cllr Searl has received a complaint from a resident about noise – he will discuss further with the resident and advise about reporting to Public Health at MTCBC.

Cllr Searl also stated that it has been raised there are some large skips as you drive out of Bedlinog towards Trelewis which are full of waste. County Cllr Symonds stated she would make enquiries as to whether this was Council land or private land.

Cllr Jago raised that Thomas Jago will be representing Wales at the Commonwealth Powerlifting Championships in South Africa in October 2024, and is required to fund the trip himself. He will be looking for sponsorship from local organisations and businesses. A request for support from the Community Council will be made to support a local individual representing their Country, as has been done previously, and added to the June agenda. Cllr Jago will not take part in any discussion or vote and declare an interest.

20 - To Receive a County Councillors Update

County Cllr Symonds updated Council on the recent flooding in Trelewis – a multi-agency response to the residents that were affected has taken place. Thanks was given to the Community Council for the £50 emergency payments being made to the residents most impacted.

County Cllr Symonds has supported a group of volunteers working on maintaining Graig Cemetery, in terms of litter and clearing up the area. The group are looking to become a constituted volunteer group going forward, the Community Council can provide a loan of brush cutters and arrange formal brush cutter operational training.

An update was provided on Neighbourhood Watch timetable of events – Summer of Fun Day is Sunday 2nd June, Halloween Disco on 27th October and Breakfast with Santa will be on the 22nd of December.

A Terms of Reference has been agreed for Taf Bargoed Partnership Board – a public consultation is now live, and a request was made for the Community Council to share this on social media.

The Clerk asked if details of the consultation could be shared.

The HMO planning application in Stormtown has been refused for a second time.

Cllr Jago raised the path running from Bedlinog Community Centre to the recreational ground – with the new park opening there are concerns that this is dangerous, and a child could be injured. The Clerk stated that Bedlinog Miners Welfare Association own part of the path and some of it is owned by MTCBC. The Charity does not have the money to conduct the repairs and MTCBC were looking to complete the repairs in this new financial year.

ACTION: Clerk to contact MTCBC for an update on path repairs.

21 - To Receive any Correspondence

The Community Council is 50 years old this month, a celebration party will be arranged for Thursday 27th June with the Community Hub members and wider community. Invitations will be sent out shortly.

The One Voice Wales News Bulletin has been shared with Cllrs.

Allotment holders at Manor View reported damage to some items at Manor View allotments.

A fault with the water fountain at Nant Llwynog Park has been reported, damage caused to the nozzle. This has been logged with the repairs team.

A day trip is being organised for end of May for the Community Hub members and wider community.

22 - To Note the Living Wage, increase effective from 1st April 2024

RESOLVED that the Living Wage increase effective from 1st April 2024 from £10.24 per hour to £11.44 per hour be noted.

ACTION: The Clerk to check that £11.44 per hour is not the National Minimum Wage, as opposed to the National Living Wage, as requested by Cllr Beard.

23 - To Approve Payments and Receipts for Period 31-03-2024 to 08-05-2024

RESOLVED that the Payments and Receipts for Period 31-03-2024 to 08-05-2024 be approved.

24 - To Note the Emergency Fund Payment for those affected by the Trelewis Flood

The Clerk advised that eleven requests for £50 payments were expected at a total cost of £550. Seven had been received to date.

RESOLVED that the Emergency Fund Payment set up for those affected by the Trelewis Flood be noted.

25 - To Note the Date of Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held Thursday 13th June 2024, 6.15pm.